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SUBJECT: CNEN DECISION ON EXPORT OF CERTAIN NUCLEAR-RELATED ELEMENTS

1. IN ITS ANNUAL REVIEW OF QUOTAS FOR THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR-RELATED ELEMENTS (COMPLETED 12/10), BRAZIL'S COMMISAO NACIONAL DE ENERGIA NUCLEAR (CNEN) ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING LIMITS FOR 1977 EXPORTS: BERYLLIUM: 3,000 METRIC TONS (MT); PYROCHLORE: 10,000 MT; LITHIUM (LEPIDOLITE, SPODUMENE AND PETALITE) 10,000 MT; LITHIUM (AMBLYGONITE): 1,000 MT; BADDELEYTE AND CALDASITE: 1,000 MT.

2. COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. IN EACH CASE, THE QUOTAS SET FOR EXPORTS OF THE NUCLEAR-RELATED MATERIALS ARE GREATER THAN PRESENT BRAZILIAN PRODUCTION CAPACITIES AND SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER THAN THE VOLUME OF EXPORTS IN RECENT YEARS. THUS, THE 1977 QUOTAS DO NOT CONSTITUTE A REVISION OF BRAZILIAN POLICY REGARDING THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR-RELATED ELEMENTS, NOR ARE THEY AN ATTEMPT BY BRAZIL TO "CONSERVE ITS OWN ENERGY AND NUCLEAR SUPPLIES" (AS ALLEGED BY ONE NEWSPAPER), OR IN ANY WAY LINKED TO BRAZIL'S ATTEMPTS TO PURCHASE ENRICHED URANIUM (A POSSIBILITY RAISED, THEN DISMISSED, BY ANOTHER DAILY). JOSE ANDRADE RAMOS, THE CNEN COMMISSIONER WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS AREA, TOLD THE RESOURCES OFFICER THAT 77 QUOTAS WERE ESTABLISHED
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IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH BRAZILIAN SUPPLIERS TO ENSURE THAT BRAZIL CAN EXPORT AS MUCH OF THESE MATERIALS AS CAN BE PRODUCED - AND SOLD ON FOREIGN MARKETS - AFTER MEETING LIMITED, IF ANY INTERNAL DEMAND. ONE KNOWLEDGEABLE MINERALS OBSERVER IN RIO HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE QUOTAS WERE PURPOSELY SET AT VERY HIGH LEVELS - LARGELY BY ANDRADE RAMOS - TO DEMONSTRATE THE FUTILITY OF SUCH A QUOTA SYSTEM. IN ANY CASE, THE US (THE MAJOR

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CONSUMER OF MOST OF THE MATERIALS IN QUESTION), CAN EXPECT BRAZILIAN EXPORTS OF THESE ELEMENTS TO BE UNAFFECTED BY THESE CNEN QUOTAS; AS IN PAST YEARS, EXPORT LEVELS WILL DEPEND ON THE COUNTRY'S PRODUCTION CAPACITIES AND (DOMESTIC AND) FOREIGN DEMAND. END COMMENT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

3. FYI: IN RECENT YEARS, BRAZILIAN EXPORTS OF NUCLEAR-RELATED ELEMENTS HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING TOTALS: (ALL IN METRIC TONS; EXPORTS TO US IN PARENTHESIS):

	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977 QUOTA
BERYLLIUM	1590	1210	640	646	NA	3000
	(NA)	(825)	(590)	(646)	(NA)	
PYROCHLORE	NA	6445	4342	2895	NA	10000
	(NA)	(1015)	(994)	(760)	(NA)	
LEPIDOLITE	1017	248	1576	1600	NA	10000 (TOTAL QUOTA FOR
PETALITE	4403	2380	4019	4000	NA	LEPIDOLITE, SPODUMENE AND
SPODUMENE	1327	1052	1380	1400	NA	PETAILTE)
AMBLYGONITE	571	446	662	650	NA	

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